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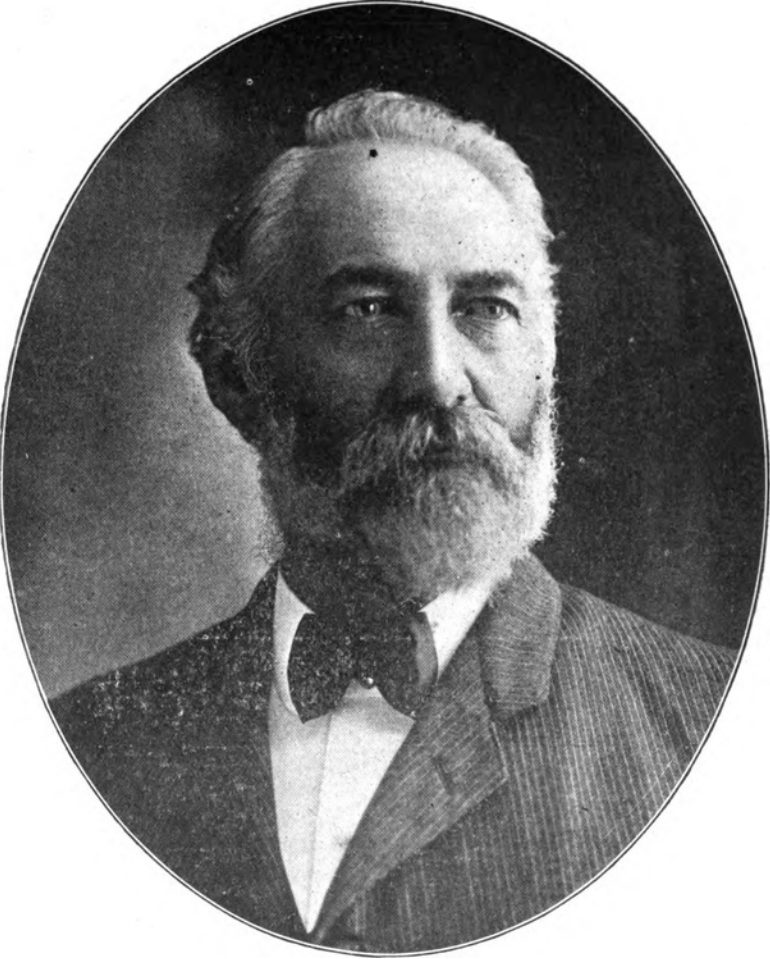


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## FOREWORD.

To secure and maintain as complete a family history as possible, I think should be the pleasure and duty of every head of a family, for personal reference and the information of succeeding generations.

In the pioneer days of America's growth, our family, in common with most pioneer families, sadly neglected this sacred trust, so that a lamentable lack of Ancestral knowledge was the rule and not the exception.

The Gresham family, to which my mother belonged, was neither obscure nor unknown to history, till lost in the great onrush in the game of conquering the wilds of the great American wilderness.

The aim of this modest book is not to make a display of family deeds and accomplishments, but simply to give, in the most concise manner, a Brief of our English ancestry, and to connect the English with the American families, and show the degree of kinship, as far as possible.

That the work is incomplete can not be denied, but enough is here given, we think, to make a family record well worth preserving by all Greshams and their descendants.

If these short annals prove of value to the present and future generations of Greshams, and tend to create an interest in their ancestral forefathers, who for many generations were distinguished in diplomacy, in philanthropy and in high Christian manhood and womanhood, then the ambition of the writer will be satisfied.

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## HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION.

Normandy, formerly a province in the north of France, so-called from the north rovers or Northmen, otherwise called Normen, was founded by Charles the Simple, in A. D. 912.

Normandy, as a part of the French nation, was overcome by William the I, known as William the Conqueror in 1066. William was the son of the Duke of Normandy, and with inherited rights, he soon overpowered Duke Guide of Macon, and Count Arquies, by the aid of the disaffected French, then rallying the combined forces, he finally in 1066, at the historic battle of Hastings, succeeded in making all those countries subjects of the British crown.

During the twelfth century the country was wrested from the British by the French armies, and again subdued by the British at a later day.

This turbulent age tended to create lawlessness, and to develop a spirit to despoil and rob the surrounding countries.

The Norsemen or Normen were a bold and venturesome people, engaged, in the main, in farming; with the more intrepid in commerce, especially in Sea Commerce. Those engaged in Sea Commerce, in keeping with the spirit of the age, became known as Sea Rovers, and occasionally as Pirates on the high seas.

They were widely known as invincible fighters and materially aided William in his designs for supremacy.

Having assumed the Dukedom in 1035, William steadily acquired power, till the victories above named were attained, and he became the greatest Monarch of his age, and assumed the British Crown.

Many of the people of Normandy, attracted by such able leadership, and the lucrativeness of English agriculture and Commerce, crossed over into the conquered country, and acquired homes, and aided materially in making the country of England great and progressive as she has ever since been.

Among those to locate in England about this time was one Edward De Gresse and his son, Edward, the

elder of whom was with William at the battle of Hastings and subsequent to that event.

After the De Gresse's became citizens of England, the French prefix "De" was dropped, and to distinguish them as land owners the word "Ham" was added and under this modified name a "Coat of Arms" which distinguished and dignified the family for many generations, was conferred on them.

Just when and by whom this Coat of Arms was conferred is not known, but the fact of its use by this family is clearly shown by early English history.

The Coat of Arms consisted of a Grass Hopper on a greensward, "Gres" meaning green and the Hopper indicating the activity of the Greshams in their devotion to the King. Its use, as shown, by the records, is the evidence that the Greshams are the descendants of the De Gresses. In some of the early writings the Greshams were described as the family of the Green Home: which the Grass Hopper on the greensward indicated.

This Coat of Arms, as students of history know, became the legally protected ensignia of the Greshams and was their pride for many succeeding generations. This in brief is the record of the family from 1035 to 1086, in Normandy after the battle of Hastings. For the next two hundred years history is silent, but occasional reference to the Coat of Arms is the conclusive proof of the relationship of the Greshams of the eleventh to those of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.

Passing down to the sixteenth century, Sir Thomas Gresham of London, whose high standing and eminent services were widely known, with his three brothers, John, Richard and William, and one sister, Mrs. John Thyme, are prominently mentioned in every English history. It was about 1560 that Sir Thomas was knighted and became an important personage in affairs of state and diplomacy of that day. Some eighty years after this, in 1641, John Gresham "Gent" with his wife and son John, emigrated to America.

From careful study of the records of the day, I have concluded or assumed that this John Gresham "Gent" was a son of the John Gresham mentioned above as a



brother of Sir Thomas Gresham. I therefore place "Hl. John Gresham" as the progenitor of the American Greshams in the Chronological Index at the close of this volume.

### THE EARLY ENGLISH GRESHAMS.

A full chronological account of the Greshams, during the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries can not be given; but it is known that during the twelfth century, Edward Gresham, presumably a descendant of the De Gresses, founded the town of Gresham, in the county of Norfolk, England. In the "Paston Letters", published during the reign of Edward VI., and written by one of the early Greshams, who was the Secretary to Judge Paston, this fact is clearly set forth.

We find the names of John Gresham, a son James, and a grandson John, and one William Gresham, during this little known period, who, from the Coat of Arms, are known to have been residents of Gresham, England, and ancestors of the London family.

Leaving the ancestral home of Gresham, we trace, by the Arms, Crest and English history, the family to London. John Gresham, a wealthy merchant, to whom Sir Thomas was apprenticed, was esteemed as a successful business man. His brother, Sir Richard Gresham, was also a merchant, and was elected Lord Mayor in 1537.

Sir Richard, father of the illustrious founder of the Royal Exchange, became Gentleman Usher Extraordinary to Henry VIII. and at the tearing to pieces of the Monasteries by that monarch, by his judicious courtliness he obtained no less than five grants of Church lands. His daughter married John Thyme, an ancestor of the Marquis of Bath. Sir Richard had three brothers, Thomas, and John, and William. The latter was Chancellor of Litchfield.

Sir Thomas Gresham, son of Sir Richard, was born in 1519, was educated at Gonville Hall, Cambridge; and Cairns College; was apprenticed to his uncle as a merchant; was admitted to the Mercers Association in

1543; represented the King at Antwerp in 1551; was dismissed by Queen Mary but quickly reinstated; served Queen Elizabeth as a diplomat, and with great distinction restored the debased currency of the nation; and negotiated many important loans and introduced many financial reforms; he was Ambassador to the Netherlands; and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth. He owned much landed property, and established the first paper mills of England. He died in 1579 after a career of great usefulness and with honors worthily earned.

His son, Richard, dying in 1564, to whom he was greatly attached, in memory of whom he established the Bourse, or Royal Exchange, and eight Alms houses. He married a Suffolk widow. Queen Mary, in recognition of his eminent services, gave him at different times, a Priory, a Rectory, and several Manors and Advowsons.

In his will he gave his beautiful home in London to Trustees to be used as an institution of scientific advancement and to be known as Gresham College. There were to be seven Professors at an annual salary of fifty pounds each, payable out of the rents from the Royal Exchange.

This College was burned down and rebuilt, twice since its establishment by act of Parliament; the present beautiful structure being built in 1843, on the corner of Basinghall and Gresham streets. Cousin Peter H. Gresham attended a course of lectures in this building a few years ago.

A statue of Sir Thomas was erected on the Plaza of the Royal Exchange, and when the structure was burned in 1666, this statue was the only thing that stood the fire. The Exchange was subsequently rebuilt, and the Arms of Gresham adorn the South and East sides of the magnificent structure.

Haman in a book published in 1628, in describing the "Loafer" of that day, sententiously said:

"Though little coin thy purseless pockets line  
Yet with great company thou'rt taken up,  
For oft with Duke Humfry thou dost dine  
And oft with Sir Thomas Gresham sup."



## ENGLAND TO AMERICA.

In speaking of the establishment of Gresham College, Green in his "History of the English People", page 69 of Vol. VIII. says:

"The little company of Philosophers had hardly begun their meetings at Gresham College when they found themselves objects of great interest. Science suddenly became the fashion of the day. Charles the II was himself a Chemist of some ability, and took a keen interest in the problems of navigation. Buckingham took fits of devotion to his laboratory. Poets, like Dryden, and Cowley; Courtiers like Sir Robert Murray; joined the Scientific company, to which, in token of his sympathy, the King gave them the title of "The Royal Society" "

The establishment of the Society, and the lectures in Gresham College marks the opening of a great age in scientific discovery in England. The establishment of this great institution was a lofty ideal of Sir Thomas, which seems to have permeated others of the name, as was shown when his nephew, John Gresham "Gent" and wife and son John, emigrated to the new world, settling in Arundel county, Md. They were wealthy and evidently contemplated a reproduction of the London institution of Learning, the American College building, but was not attempted till the son John "Gent" bought and laid out "The Gresham College Tract" in Hartford County, Md.

It is not known that Sir Thomas had any children who reached mature years, but he had three brothers, two of whom were merchants of London, and one of whom was Chancellor of Litchfield. A son of one of these, presumably John, had one son, John, who, so far as we know, was the first Gresham to land on American soil. The death of Sir Thomas occurred in 1579.

The first public record we have of the Greshams in this country was in 1641, when John Gresham "Gent", nephew of Sir Thomas, was elected to the Maryland General Assembly. From that time on the history of the Greshams is a part of American history in a local

way, and one which honors American citizenship with Christian lives worthy of their English ancestry.

### THE EARLY MARYLAND GRESHAMS.

It has been stated that John Gresham, a brother of Sir Thomas, had a son, John Gresham "Gent", who emigrated to America, settling in Arundel county, Maryland. We find from the Maryland public records, that this John Gresham "Gent" became a member of the Maryland Legislature in 1641. He was evidently of mature years, as both he and his son John were known as "Gent" in the public records. Had the younger been raised in America the title would not have been used. John Gresham "Gent", the elder, so far as we know, became the founder and progenitor of all the Greshams of this country, with possibly few exceptions. In my extensive correspondence I have found only one family which claimed a different ancestry, and I am led to think that they were mistaken as to their origin.

With five hundred years of illustrious ancestry behind him and with a nobility of character and purpose excelled by few, as shown by his determination to build on American soil a great American Educational Institution, John Gresham, our progenitor, should be, and is honored with holy veneration. We, who possess the blood of such lineage in our veins, would indeed be recreant to our heritage if we do not keep a record showing our relationship to this Ancestor and the line of descent, to guide and inspire our children to lives that will reflect credit on our revered ancestry as well as to our people and country.

The meetings of the Maryland Legislature in 1641 were held in St. Marys, Md., the country then being an English Province. Lord Leonard Calvert, known as Lord Baltimore, was then Governor.

John Gresham "Gent" was a strenuous Protestant, as the Greshams have ever been, and we find, that while Thomas Greene was Governor, that he was severely persecuted for his Protestant affiliations and activities, his property was confiscated, and he was fore-

ed to flee into Virginia for a while. Afterwards, however, the storm blew over, a more tolerant spirit prevailed, and he was enabled to return to his home and family, and his property was restored into his possession.

John Gresham "Gent", afterwards known as "Sr." son of the above, is mentioned and his official activities shown, in the official records from 1670 to 1712, when his death is recorded.

The home of John Gresham, Sr., was on Chesapeake Bay, where Annapolis now stands. He was wealthy, and among his properties, he established a most beautiful home, which he called "Fortuna". It is described as a long commodious building, beautifully located near the bay.

He was the founder of the "Gresham College Tract", a fine tract of some 500 acres of land in Hartford county, Md., at what is now known as "Old Baltimore"; which he set apart for the purpose of becoming the seat of a College to be modeled after the Gresham College of London.

John Gresham, Sr., was the last of our line of English birth. After his death the suffix "Gent" was dropped, being out of keeping with the spirit of our American Democracy.

John Gresham, Jr., son of the above was High Sheriff of Annapolis from 1705 to 1723, dying while in office. His wife was named Sarah and they are credited with six children, John, Richard, Thomas, Sarah, Mary and Prescilla. Here I will say, that for eight hundred years, the first three sons of our direct line of Greshams, were named John, Richard and Thomas, in keeping with English custom, and to protect their entail rights.

When John Gresham, Jr., died, a will was found, attested by Lord Baltimore, Dr. Charles Carroll and Benjamin Kasker. This will, as well as that of his wife, was examined by cousin Peter Hoss Gresham, from whom I get my information. The wife, Sarah, died in 1756, and in her will as well as that of her husband, certain valuable lands and properties, were



given their son Richard, in England and in the Island of Kent.

John Gresham, son of the above, was born in 1704. He was appointed High Sheriff to succeed his father, being at the time only nineteen years of age. He married a Miss Huyeson, a daughter of Col. North C. Huyeson. They had at least three children, sons, named John, Richard and Thomas. His son Thomas was the grandfather of my grand father, Archibald Gresham, and was born after the death of his father. In the will of Thomas Gresham, which was also examined by P. H. Gresham, he mentions a "Child yet to be born" and this posthumous son is next to be described.

### THE TENNESSEE GRESHAMS.

In a preceding chapter it has been stated that, so far as we know, the first Gresham to locate West of Maryland, was Thomas Gresham, posthumous son of John Gresham and Miss Huyeson Gresham. A grand son of John Gresham, Sr., who was the last Gresham of our line of English birth. Thomas Gresham, before leaving Maryland, married Miss Dorcas Lane, a daughter of John Fuller Lane, and they had one son born before leaving Maryland, named John. They first located in Virginia but, living there only a short time, continued their search for better conditions and located in Washington County, Tennessee, near where Jonesboro now stands. The father-in-law of Thomas, John Fuller Lane, had already migrated to Tennessee, locating in Blunt County, where his descendants are yet to be found.

That Thomas Gresham had other children is believed, but only the name of one has been given the writer. Richard Hoss, is said to have married a Miss Anna Eagle, and to have had nine children. Eva, Elizabeth and Rebecca, who married Peter Hoss Gresham, are the only names I have. Thomas Gresham continued to live where he settled, clearing off the land, and laying the foundation for a family home, which his descendants have so tenaciously continued to cluster around. As time went by and deaths were to be cared for, a cemetery was established

at Buffalo Ridge, which for many years has been known as Gresham Cemetery, and here his body was finally laid to rest in 1806, at a ripe old age.

Here I wish to say, that about the time of the emigration from Maryland to Tennessee, the spelling of the name was changed from Gresham to Grisham. It is a tradition, and I presume is a fact, that the change was made intentionally, because the Tennessee Greshams became intense Whigs, and they wished to distinguish their descendants thus as a Whig branch of the family. I have however, held to the "e" throughout this volume, as the change was evidently illegal and confuses the genealogical connection with our English ancestry.

### CORROBORATIVE TESTIMONY.

Peter Hoss Gresham, who for many years was in the employ of the Government at Washington, spent much time and money in looking up the history of the Greshams, both in Maryland and in London, wrote some years ago extensive accounts of his investigations and from these letters, now in my possession, I give a few very brief quotations.

"While in London in 1888 I visited the Royal Exchange, Gresham College, The Guildhall of Gresham, and other places of interest to the Greshams, all founded by Sir Thomas Gresham".

"From Granville L. Gower, Esq., who is a double descendant of Sir John Gresham, and from Rev. John W. Berger, Archbishop of Chichester, I procured two other large volumes entitled "The Life and Times of Sir Thomas Gresham", having previously obtained two volumes of biography of Sir Thomas Gresham. Mr. Berger is a descendant of the Greshams. All these books are voluminous and exceedingly interesting and verify much of what I have said in these letters."

"John Gresham in 1641 was a member of the General Assembly of Maryland, which met at St. Mary's, under Governor Leonard Calvert. In 1648, he, with others of the Protestant faith, were severely persecuted by Gov. Thomas Greene, a Catholic. His home on Kent

Island was seized, and he was forced to remove to Virginia for a time. The land on Kent Island had been given to John Gresham, and to Col. Claiborne, by King Charles, for meritorious service. Their possession however, was afterward regained”.

“John Gresham Gent., son of above, born in England, came to America with his father and mother, and afterwards known as John Gresham, Sr., in 1684, according to the records, resided in his home near Annapolis, known as “Fortuna”. He took patent for five hundred acres of land on which he expected to found an institution of learning modeled after the “Gresham College” of London, but owing to his early death in 1713, his ambition was never realized. He was a Vestryman in St. Anna’s Church in Annapolis.”

“John Gresham, Jr., son of above, was ‘High Sheriff’ of Annapolis from 1705 to 1723, when he died in office. He left six children; the sons were John, Thomas and Richard. He left a will which I was permitted to examine. His wife, on her death, also left a will which I inspected. Both of these wills gave to their son, Richard, certain lands at Gravesend, England, and in Kent, Md. The descendants of this Richard Gresham still live in Kent Island and some of them on the very lands bequeathed in these wills.”

Among the earlier settlers who intermarried with the Greshams of Maryland were the Ellises, the Stewards, the Grays, the Murrays and others. Jonathan Bacon, noted in history, was a direct descendant of the London Greshams. One of his forefathers being Nicholas Bacon, “Keeper of the King’s Seal”. He married his full cousin who was a Gresham. This Bacon was a descendant of Lord Bacon of Shakespeare fame.”

“Following the above in the line of descent, there were Thomas Gresham, son of John Gresham, Jr., from 1752 to 1806. Then John Gresham, son of Thomas Gresham, from 1770 to 1863, mention of whom is made elsewhere.”

My wife, Rebecca Gresham, who is my fourth or fifth cousin, was the daughter of Hoss. R. Gresham and Anna Eagle Gresham, and was the youngest of nine

children. The place of her birth was in a long brick house on Chesapeake Bay, being in the same house where her father and I think her grand father were born".

"The Gresham College Tract, was near Abbington, in Hartford county, where Baltimore was first started, now known as 'Old Baltimore' "

"The wife of Ex. Gov. Brown, now Senator of Georgia, was the daughter of Rev. Joseph Gresham, a descendant of the Maryland Greshams.

Many other quotations might be used with interest but the limits of this book will not permit, enough is here given to corroborate what has been said in preceding chapters.

### JOHN GRESHAM.

John Gresham, the great grand father of the writer, was born in Maryland and came to Tennessee with his father when only a child. On arriving at Manhood's estate, he married Nancy Hale, a daughter of John Hale, a Marylander of Irish parentage. He is said to have been a relative of the great orator, Edward Everett Hale.

To this couple there were born twelve children, six boys and six girls. In the following chapters I give brief sketches of George, Thomas, Archibald, John, and Mary Kinchelo. Alexander is said to have gone to Texas, and raised a family there, but I have no authentic account of him. Hale, the youngest son, married a Miss Laramore and located in Green County, Mo., where after raising a family, he died in 1877. Susan married Elijah Carrell, being his second wife. They had at least two sons. One, William, was at one time a member of the Tennessee Legislature, and the other, Mack, was a noted singer and musician. Elijah lived to great age, dying only about a decade ago.

Elizabeth married John S. Wilson, and they lived at Sand Mountain, Cherokee, Ala. My mother was temporarily living with this couple when she met and married my father. Father at that time was clerking for



Wilson in a store which he conducted at that place. They had children, but I don't know how many. I have heard my mother relate the fact, that during an Indian outbreak, Wilson went in search of the marauders, and fearing a night attack, his wife took the two babes and hid in a brush heap during his absence.

Ann married Rev. Archibald Hale, and they had three sons, named John, Thomas, and Henry. Mr. Hale died in 1855 and Ann lived till 1877, and both are buried in Tennessee.

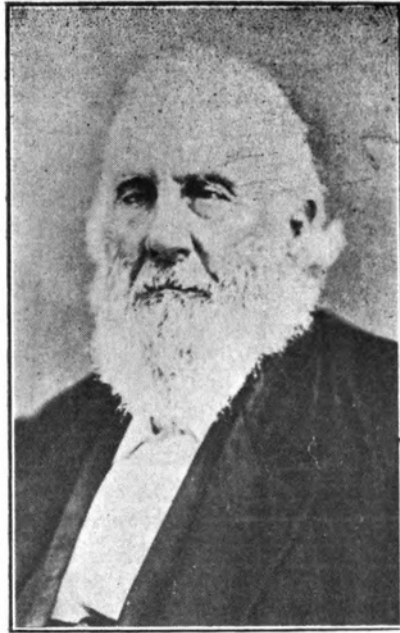
Ritta married a man named Miller, but I have no further account of them.

Rhoda married James Wear, and they are said to have located near Lincoln, Illinois, where their descendants live today.

It is said that John Gresham belonged to Cassady's division of the Tennessee Riflemen, and that he was with Gen. Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, January 8th, 1815. He is said to also have been at the battles of the War of 1812, with Elijah Carroll and his oldest son, George.

He had a gun made at Charlotte, N. C., which he bought in 1811. This gun is now in the possession of Hon. Thos. Gresham, of Cotton Wood Falls, Kansas, who values it very highly as a souvenir.

Late in life, in 1856, I think, John Gresham moved and located in Morgan County., Missouri, where he died in 1862, at the extreme age of 98, and his body was laid to rest in Hopewell Cemetery in that county.



REV. GEORGE GRESHAM.

George Gresham, the oldest son of John and Nancy Hale Gresham, and a brother of my grand father, was born in Washington county, Tennessee, in about 1790. When a young man he was united in marriage with Mary Hoss, a daughter of Mary Boone and Peter Hoss. Mary Boone was a cousin to the celebrated pioneer hunter and eccentric statesman, Daniel Boone, of Kentucky. George was with his father in the war of 1812, and possibly other historic engagements. In early manhood he entered the ministry, in the Christian church, preaching throughout eastern Tennessee, and Arkansas, with distinguished force and power. His wife died in 1870, and his life was prolonged till 1880, when he was laid beside his wife in the Gresham Cemetery at Buffalo Ridge, Tennessee.

A righteous man, with a remarkably long, clean record of worthy deeds and generous actions, coupled with

teachings and example the most elevating, passed into the abode of the Holy, when this venerable patriarch was called.

His oldest daughter, Sarah, lived and died single, at the age of fifty, at the old homestead at Buffalo Ridge.

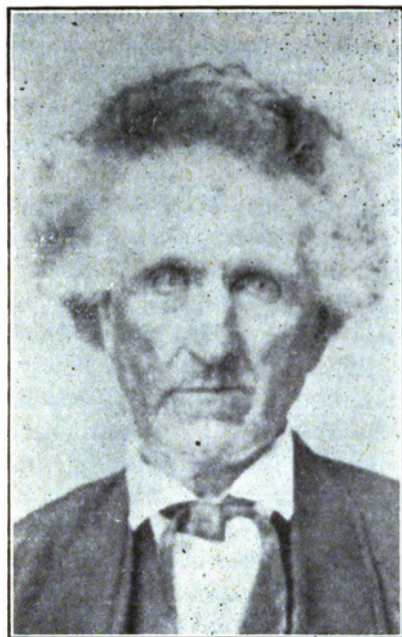
James Ellis went to Heber, Arkansas, when a young man, where he lived a single man, till his death which occurred in 1874.

Eva married Hiram Campbell. She lived and died within a few miles of her father's old home. Mr. Campbell died many years ago. They had several children. George E. and Amanda died young. James M. died in 1889. The living are: D. P. Campbell, of Jonesboro, and J. F. Campbell of Johnson City, Tennessee.

Elizabeth married James P. Clark and she lived and died at Boone's Creek, Washington county, Tennessee. They had several children, among whom was Mrs. Evelyn Hoss, and Mrs. Robert McCully, both of whom are dead. The living are: Dr. Joseph L. of Jonesboro, George E., and Mrs. Lenoir Mitchell of Johnson City, Tennessee.

Albert Hiram studied and practiced medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a public spirited citizen, represented his District in the State Legislature, and occupied important trusts for his home city. He died about 1881. A son, Albert N., died in 1884, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Sweeney, now lives in Nashville.

Separate brief paragraphs will be given following, of his other five children.



ARCHIBALD GRESHAM.

Archibald Gresham was the son of John and Nancy Hale Gresham, the revered grand father of the writer, was born in Washington county, Tennessee, December 25th, 1800. He grew to manhood on his father's farm near Jonesboro, receiving only sufficient education to read and write. On the 30th day of March, 1822, he was married to Mary Mitchell McReynolds, of Blunt county, Tennessee. She was near his own age, having been born September 6th of the same year. She was better equipped educationally than he, possessing a fair common school education.

Archibald Gresham was a man of powerful physique, an industrious, honest, truthful and home loving man, who knew no guile or deceit, saw only good in others.

To this couple there were born twelve children,



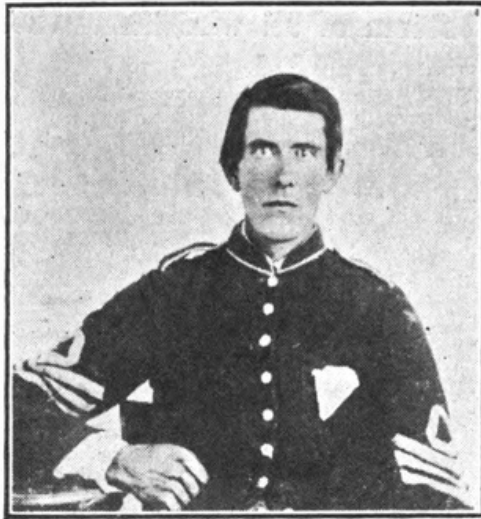
named as follows: John Mc., Fidello J., N. Samantha, E. Serena, Robert H., S. Sobrena, Sophronia M., Cinthia S., Archibald C., infant son, Mary A., and Sarah A. Robert died when young, Cinthia at two, Sarah lived to the age of twelve. All these were buried in the New Providence cemetery near Maryville. Sophronia lived to the age of thirty. For several years she was a successful school teacher, and was engaged to be married to Rankin Donnell, of Donnellson, Ill., and on her death she was buried in her wedding clothes. Her body being buried in the Reno Cemetery where subsequently her father and mother were also buried.

Other members of the family lived to raise families and brief sketches of each will be given further on in this volume.

During the last several years of grand father's and grand mother's lives they lived with their daughter, Serena, in Bond county, Illinois. Grand father died March 6th, 1885, and grand mother March 24th, 1888. Full of years and enjoying a Christian faith and the conscious reward of the love and affection of their children and the esteem of all who knew them.

**THOMAS GRESHAM.**

Thomas, son of John and Nancy Hale Gresham and a brother of my grand father, was born and raised in Tennessee. He married in early manhood and in about 1825 he moved to Thompkinsville, Kentucky. Here in 1827 he and his wife took sick and died at about the same time. Three sons and one daughter were born to the couple, the daughter died, and the three sons were taken by John Gresham, their grand father, to care for, he and his daughters, Susan and Ann, coming to Kentucky on horseback and taking them back to Tennessee. Their names were Mashac, James and John. Mashac married and located in Missouri, from where he enlisted in the Union army and was wounded in the battle at Wilson Creek. After the war he located somewhere in Illinois, where he died in 1867 leaving a family.

**JOHN GRESHAM**

James married and lived in Tennessee, from where, in 1854, he went to California and nothing further is known of him except that he had one daughter and a son, Theodore.

John married Elizabeth C. Wolf, August 30th, 1847, in Tennessee. He located in Cooper county, Missouri, where he died October 30th, 1900, leaving four children, as follows:



THOMAS H. GRESHAM

Thomas H. was born January 16th, 1849. At the

age of fifteen he ran away and joined the Union army, being with the 45th Missouri Infantry. After the close of the war, he returned home, married Miss Sadie Park, studied law and was admitted to the Bar, and for the last thirty years or more he has practiced his profession at Cotton Wood Falls, Kansas. Sadie is an educated and refined lady, having taught school and filled the position of Superintendent of Schools of her county.

Thomas H. has been elected Mayor of his city four times, and has twice been honored with the position of States Attorney. He has also served four years as the G. A. R. Judge Advocate, and has been the Chairman of the managers of the State Soldiers' Home. He is recognized as an able speaker, and is often called on for public addresses.



JOSEPH W. GRESAAM

Joseph W. was born in Tennessee, February 11th, 1851. He married and for the last thirty-three years he has filled the position of guard at the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. He has a family of five children.





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### MARY E. McCULLOCH

Mary E. Gresham McCulloch was born in Tennessee, May 1st, 1855. In the spring of 1874 she married Samuel McCulloch and to that union there are two daughters, Adulla and Sadie. Adulla lives at Marshall, Missouri. Sadie married a Mr. Robinson and lives at Elk City, Oklahoma. Mary E. McCulloch died January 31st, 1881.

Robert Gresham was born in Missouri, April 14th, 1863. He is now in the railroad business and is located at Canon City, Colorado. He has never married.



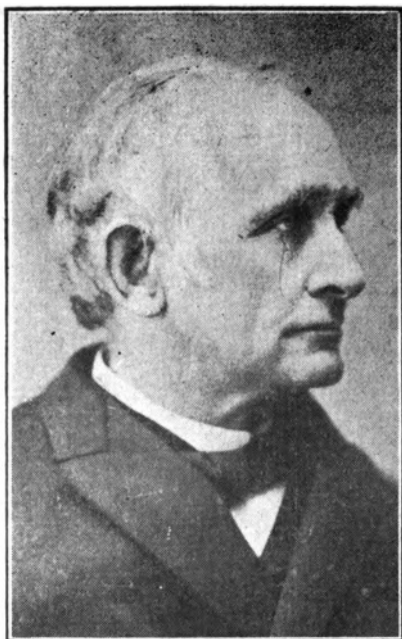
### SCHUYLER C. GRISHAM

Schuyler C. was born in Missouri, January 12th, 1868. He now holds a position in connection with the State Asylum for the Insane at Norman, Oklahoma.

We are pleased to give the picture of John Gresham and also his sons, Thomas H. and Joseph W., and also Schuyler C., in this volume.

### PETER HOSS GRESHAM.

Peter Hoss Gresham, a son of Rev. George Gresham, was born and raised in Tennessee. In early life he began newspaper work, and later accepted a position in the Government Buildings at Washington City, where he filled many duties as an Actuary for several years. Later in life he resigned from the Government and spent some time in travel, and being interested in family history, he visited London, took a course of lectures at Gresham College, and gathered from books and personal interviews the larger part of our knowledge of



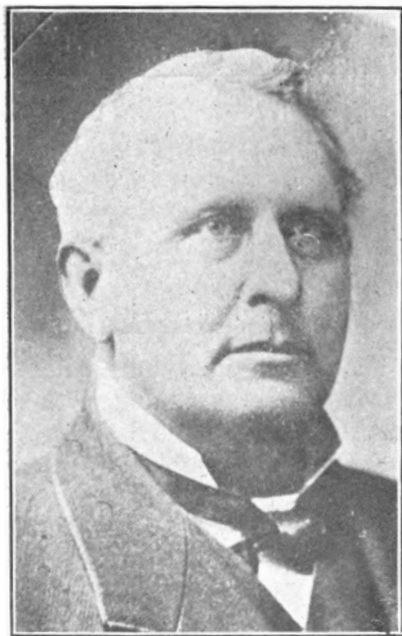
the early English Greshams. In late life he went to Baltimore, married his fourth cousin, Rebecca Gresham, and they lived there until his death, which occurred in 1911. We are pleased to include his picture in the volume.

#### JOHN GRESHAM.

John, the son of John and Nancy Hale Gresham, and a brother of my grand father, was born in Tennessee, in 1810. He married Miss Mary Shipley, a daughter of Nathan Shipley of Tennessee. To this couple there were born ten children, five died young and five living to adult age. They were Margaret, Elizabeth, Elijah, Calvin and Nathan. Elijah died at Skidwell, Oklahoma, in 1905. Nathan died at Cottondale, Texas, in about 1888, leaving ten children. Eliza lived and died in Missouri in about 1883, leaving a large family. Calvin was killed when only nineteen by an unknown assassin.

R. N. Gresham, of Sweetwater, Texas, now Prosecuting Attorney of that city, is a grandson of John Gresham, who he says went from Tennessee to Texas in an early day. His father was Nathan R. Gresham, and he has a brother, James, at Toyah, Texas, and another brother, T. F. Greshm, at Big Springs, Texas. As uncles to R. N. there were Elijah and Calvin, but he can not trace them further.

Margaret Gray, the only child living, is now in her seventy-second year. She lives with Leo Fellows, at Bidding Springs, Oklahoma. She has only one son living, William Starr Gray. He is married and has four children. John Gresham is the only one of the family, so far as I know, that sympathized with the South in the Rebellion. He served the Confederacy in the Civil War. He died at Dutch Mills, Arkansas, in 1873. This great aunt says she is almost helpless and lonely, but is much interested in the history of her people.



JOHN FULLER GRESHAM.

John Fuller, son of George and Mary Hoss Gresh-

am, was born in Tennessee, in 1821. In early life he married Louise M. Carroll, a daughter of Elijah Carroll, whose second wife was his aunt Susan. To this union there were born six children. He was a public spirited citizen and for twelve years he was the Clerk of the County Court. He died in 1890 and was buried in the Gresham Cemetery near Jonesboro.

It is a pleasure to be able to give his picture, along with the following brief description of his children.

James Madison, the oldest, married Elizabeth Barnes, and they had a family of ten children, as follows: George Newton, married Roxie Atkinson, was a lawyer and writer of ability. After the birth of one daughter, Catherine O., who married R. Harrison, he died in 1889, in the very prime of life. Charles S. married Minnie Hale, lived at Jonesboro, where he died. They had five children. John Fuller, Jr., married Pearl Maxey. Lives at Knoxville and has one son, Kenneth. Horace M. married Besie Keyes, lives at Jonesboro and has six children. James Madison, Jr., is a lawyer and writer as well as a public speaker of ability. He married Anna Meyer and their home is in Norman, Oklahoma. William Winter, is a lawyer and also a minister in the Christian church. He married Virginia Burdren, and lives at Waggoner, Oklahoma. They have had one child, a daughter, which they had the misfortune to lose. Ida E. and Belle of Jonesboro; Hassie, a teacher of note, now connected with the Knox County High School at Fountain City, Tenn., and Mrs. Cordelia Keebler, of Jonesboro, who has one son, named Joseph G. Mary E. married Jacob Bacon of Jonesboro, and they have three sons. John A. of Chattanooga, and William and Hubert of Jonesboro. They also had one daughter who died a few years ago. Amanda E. married Julius A. Stafford of Jonesboro. They have had nine children, four of whom are dead. The living are: Ida, Carrie, Lula, Mary and John F. John A. is a traveling salesman of Knoxville. He married Sarah C. Neill and they are the parents of five children. He says of his wife, "She is the best little woman in the world". The children are: James and Evalyn, dead; Alfred and Edwin,





**WILLIAM WINTER GRESHAM**

**in business in Philadelphia, and Wm. Fuller, in the U. S. Navy.**

**GEORGE EDGAR GRESHAM.**

Capt. George Edgar Gresham, the ninth son of George and Nancy Hale Gresham, was born and raised in East Tennessee. He married Margaret J. Clement, of Richmond, Virginia, and they had three children, all of whom died young. They also had an adopted daugh-

ter, Lula, who married Tate Ernest, and she too died some years ago.

He served the Union in the Civil War as Captain, and also was the Editor of a paper, called "The Union Flag".

In 1873 a scourge of cholera struck his city, and as help was scarce he became an attendant on the sufferers, working night and day incessantly, caring for the suffering and dying, making rude box coffins in an old church, an improvised morgue, and burying the dead, all against the earnest advise of his physician, Dr. Sevier, to which his only and constant answer was "MY DUTY IS HERE". In twenty days of awful terror thirty-nine deaths occurred in the city, of which his own was the last. A veritable Martyr to the cause of humanity. His widow, Margaret, after his death, lived in Johnson City, where she died a few years ago.

#### WILLIAM MADISON GRESHAM.

William Madison, the eighth child of George Gresham, was born in Tennessee. He studied law and practiced his profession in Knoxville, living in Jonesboro, Tennessee. He also had a good practice in the District, State and Federal Courts. He married Margaret B. Kennedy, a niece of David Kennedy, Surgeon General of the Continental Army. To this union there were six children born, one, Laura, died young. Those living to adult age, and we believe living now, were:

George E., United States Marshall at Knoxville, Tennessee. George E. was editor of the "Whig", published at Knoxville, before his appointment to the position of Chief Clerk to the United States Marshall. He married Louise Peychaud, a grand daughter of Henry Peychaud, who was President of the Hope F. & M. Insurance Co. of New Orleans. They have five children: George E., Jr., Marie, Louise, Florence and Peychaud.

Charles M. of Oetewah, Tenn., born in 1881; married Norma Broyles, and has three children. Mrs. Blanche K. Murray, wife of A. S. Murray, now mayor of Jonesboro; she has two daughters, Margaret and Martha. Mrs. Adelaide De Vault, wife of W. W. De Vault, of Jonesboro; she has four children, William W.,

Robert, George E., and Mary E. Mary K. Gresham, single and living in Jonesboro. William Madison Gresham died in Jonesboro, 1898.

### MARY BOONE GRESHAM BLEVINS.

Mary Boone, daughter of Rev. George Gresham, was born and raised in Washington county, Tennessee. In early life she married Wm. H. Blevins, a son of Gatewood Blevins, of Virginia. In 1851 they moved to Batesville, Arkansas, where they lived till their death. They had eleven children, four of whom died young. The living are:

Mrs. Elizabeth Tate of Elmore City, Arkansas.

John F. Blevins, of Elmore City, Arkansas.

Wm. E. Blevins, of Elmore City, Arkansas.

David P. Blevins, of Elmore City, Arkansas.

Mrs. Mary Welch, of Gin, Arkansas.

Mrs. Amelia Haile, of Monette, Arkansas.

J. W. Blevins, of Searcy, Arkansas, now temporarily living at Pasadena, California.

### MARY GRESHAM KINCHELO.

Mary Gresham, a daughter of John and Nancy Hale Gresham, and a sister of my grand father, was born in Tennessee. She was married in early life to Enoch Kinchelo. Kinchelo was a planter, and fought during the Indian wars, and also during the war of 1812 he served alongside his father-in-law. His sister married Thomas Gresham, and thus he became a double brother-in-law. He had six children, but I have accounts of only one. He died in 1884, and Mary, his wife, died in 1871, having resided in Tennessee all their lives.

John Fuller Kinchelo, the third child of Enoch and Mary Kinchelo, was born near Athens, Tennessee, December 29th, 1836. In 1862 he was married to Miss Ann E. Taylor. To this union there were born three children, Lizzie and Kittie, who died before their mother's death, and Rosalina, who was left an infant when her mother died in January, 1870.

In the Civil War John Fuller sympathized with the Union side, and enlisted as a private from Bradley county, Tennessee. After recruiting a Company he was ordered to Nashville, Tennessee, where his Company was assigned to the Fourth Tennessee Cavalry, and afterwards became known as the "Famous Company A", commanded by Capt. John Fuller Kinchelo. He remained with his regiment until he was mustered out in 1864. Soon after this he entered the Quartermasters Department where he remained till the fall of 1865, when he retired to enter Vanderbilt University as a Medical student. He graduated in 1871 and entered upon the practice of medicine. In 1873 he was married to Mary V. Allison and to this union two children were born: Mary Virginia, who died in 1886, and John Fuller, Jr. The last named married Mollie J. Robinson and they have two children, William and Nannie Louise. John Fuller Kinchelo died at Conway, Arkansas, August 5th, 1900.



JOHN McREYNOLDS GRESHAM.

The oldest son of Archibald Gresham, was born in Tennessee, January 7th, 1823. He married to Francis Townsend in Georgia, September 23rd, 1846. Soon af-

ter his marriage he located in Texas, where as a creditable and congenial citizen and companion, he lived till his death, which occurred May 29th, 1895. A son and a daughter were given to perpetuate their name.

Thomas Archibald Gresham was born in Texas, August 28th, 1847. On June the 6th, 1871, he married Celia A. Slaughter. They now live at Stamford, Texas, and eight children are theirs, as follows: 1. Margaret Gresham Miller, Stamford, Texas. She was born January 28th, 1872. 2. Mary Gresham Bean, born April 20th, 1874. Married to Mr. Bean and have three children. They live at Stamford. 3. Addie Gresham Brewer, born October 18th, 1876. Married John W. Brewer in 1896. They live at Stamford and have a family of four children. 4. Hattie Gresham Cornelius. Born March 8th, 1880. Married Dolph Cornelius in 1899. Hattie died in 1909, leaving several children. 5. Bertie Gresham Redding. Is married to Mr. Redding and they too live at Stamford. 6. Charles V. Gresham is yet single and lives with his parents.

Samantha Gresham Gilky, daughter of John McReynolds Gresham, was born October 15th, 1851. She married Samuel Morehead in 1868, and after the birth of one son, he died, and later she married James S. Gilky, with whom she is now living at Nabors, Texas. Her son, U. V. Morehead, was born April 11th, 1870. In 1900 he was married to Georgia V. Robertson and they live at Nabors, Texas; and seven children are reported to their credit.

I am pleased to present herewith the photo of John McReynolds Gresham, which I know will be pleasing to the many relatives who never saw him.





FIDELLO GRESHAM STRANGE.

The oldest daughter of Archibald Gresham, was born in Tennessee, November 5th, 1826. She was married to John Anderson Strange, August 5th, 1847. To this union eleven children were born, nine of whom were raised. She died April 19th, 1894, and father died March 17th, 1895. No more devoted father and mother ever lived and none had the pleasure of their children's confidence and love more than they. Their bodies lie side by side in the cemetery at Wilbur, Oregon.. Their children were: Rev. F. G. Strange, oldest son of my father. Now pastor at Mukilteo, Wash., born September 28th, 1848. Married Sarah Robinson, June 15th, 1871 Sarah had two sons, Pliny and Henry, when she died, and afterward Ferdinand married Noonie Vanderveer, and to this union there have been born six children: Ferd A., John V., Fidello, Chalmers L., Earl H., and Edith. Fidello is dead. The others live in Washington and Oregon and all seem to be doing well.

Alexander Taylor, the writer, born July 6th, 1850. Married Jessie Copeland, August 22nd, 1872. Has two

son living, Algy, a dentist of Bloomington, Illinois, and Eury, a dentist, of Hillsboro, Illinois.

John William Strange, the third son of my mother, was born November 21st, 1852. Married Miss Francis Cox, January 23rd, 1879, and they had one son, Dale. After rising to various positions of honor and trust in the state of Oregon, his health failed and he died February 9th, 1908.

Mary Etta Strange, was born April 19th, 1855, and is now living with her sister in Portland, Oregon.

Archibald Walter Strange, born October 13th, 1859. Married Miss Ella Reed November 12th, 1881. They live at Adna, Washington, and have six children: Ivan, Theron, Della, Minnie, Vera and Lois.

Henry Simpson Strange was born May 8th, 1861. On June 27th, 1889, he married Gertrude Davis. They had no children. Henry became an educator, and steadily rising in his profession, he was filling the position of Superintendent of Schools of his county, when, on March 6th, 1899, he was prematurely stricken by disease and died. His wife filled out the term of office and is now an Instructress in the State Normal at Corvallis.

Mattie Strange Fisher, was born October 27th, 1866. She married W. H. Fisher July 25th, 1889. They now live in Vancouver, B. C. They have only an adopted daughter.

Eula Strange was born April 3rd, 1869. She lives with her sister, Mary, in Portland, Oregon. For many years she has been the Principal of the Mt. Tabor schools of that city.

Arthur Calvin Strange was born August 9th, 1873. In July, 1902, he married Sadie Baird. They have one daughter. For some years past he has been Superintendent of the Dalles Schools, and has just accepted the Superintendency of the Schools of Baker City, Oregon.

I am pleased to present a plate of my dear mother.

### SAMANTHA GRESHAM TAYLOR.

My aunt, Samantha, was born March 16th, 1828. At the age of sixteen she married Hughes O. Taylor, and

they raised three children. She died September 9th, 1883. Her son, Ramey, was robbed and murdered in Kansas City, Mo., when a young man. The daughter, Edna, married John Sherman in April, 1878, and died ten years later, leaving no issue. John Calvin was born in 1848, married Rebecca Wrightman in 1875, and they have two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Sailor, wife of T. A. Sailor, a locomotive engineer of Centralia, Ill., and Mrs. Pearl Davis, wife of J. J. Davis, an entomologist, of La Fayette, Ind. John C. Taylor is a merchant of Rich Hill, Mo., and is esteemed as a public spirited citizen and a Christian gentleman.



**SORENA GRESHAM STRAIN.**

Mrs. Strain was born November 25th, 1829, and married Robert Strain, May 1st, 1855. While the writer was a little under five years old, he distinctly remembers being at the wedding. On December 10th, 1865, Robert Strain died, and aunt has continued to this day to live on the homestead which he had founded. They

raised three children: James Archibald, the oldest, lives at Reno, Ill., is married and has two children; John Allen, lives at Mulberry Grove, Ill. He married Julia Mulford, and they have two children. He is in the mercan-



### MARY ARMS'IRONG

tile business. Mary Strain Armstrong, who was born in 1859, married Wesley Armstrong in 1880, and after the birth of their two children, Wesley died in 1883. The children of Mary and Wesley were: Blanche, who married Elmer Johnson and now lives at Monte Vista, Colo.; and Clyde, who is connected with a Construction Company as a civil engineer, and is now at Durazno, Uruguay, South America.

We are pleased to give here plates of this dear aunt and also of her daughter, Mary.

### SOBRENA GRESHAM PEEBLES.

Mrs. Peebles was born June 27th, 1833. In 1858 she married Edward Peebles and they raised a family

of six children. Mr. Peebles died in Bond county, Illinois, in 1872, and aunt Sobrena died in Missouri in 1874. Of their family I give the following:

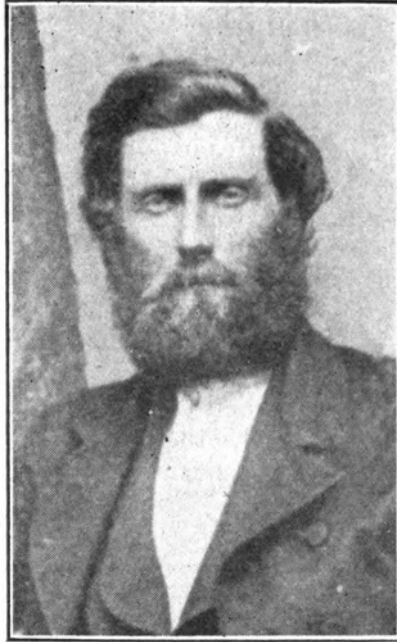
1. Sorena was born January 21st, 1859. She married a Mr. Broyles, and they are reported to have two children, Edward and Ella. They live in Missouri. 2. Sophronia was born February 24th, 1862. On January 29th, 1879, she married William H. Baker. They live at Drury, Mo., and have a large family, as follows: Wm. A., born July 8th, 1880; Isaac J., born October 12th, 1882; John E., born July 7th, 1885; Ernest, born March 6th, 1891; Pearl, born July 16th, 1893; George W., born April 16th, 1896; Joe F., born September 28th, 1898; Theo. R., born May 27th, 1901, and Bertha E., born January 7th, 1904. 3. A. J. Peebles was born October 12th, 1864. He was married and had one child, a girl, when on February 24th, 1899, he died. 4. Mary A. was born September 8th, 1869, and died October 22nd, 1870. 5. Archibald was born March 8th, 1867, and died April 20th, 1869. And Effie M. was born June 19th, 1872, and died October 30th, 1874.

### ARCHIBALD COLUMBUS GRESHAM.

Archibald Columbus Gresham was born May 9th, 1839. He married Mary Baker June 27th, 1867, after his return from the Army where he served four years. After the birth of six children, he died February 18th, 1872, and was buried in Arkansas, where he was then living. Aunt Mary lives at this time with her son, Archibald, at La Fayette, Ark. The following gives their children in brief: 1. Olive was born March 25th, 1868. On March 22nd, 1888, she married F. M. Johnson. They live at Lanson, Ark., and are reported to have six children. 2. Nellie, was born November 14th, 1869. On March 21st, 1889, she married Joseph L. Burke. They live at Kingston, Ark., and are the possessors of four children. 3. Chauncey C. Gresham was born November 16th, 1871. He was married to Anna Belle Ross. They live at Kingston, Ark. 4. Annie L. was born January 1st, 1874, and died October 30th, 1887. 5. Bijou A. was born January 21st, 1879. On December 1st,



1895, she was married to W. J. Williams. They now live at Kingston, Ark., and are reported as the parents of two children. 6. Archibald C. Gresham was born on March 7th, 1876. He is married and lives at La Fay-



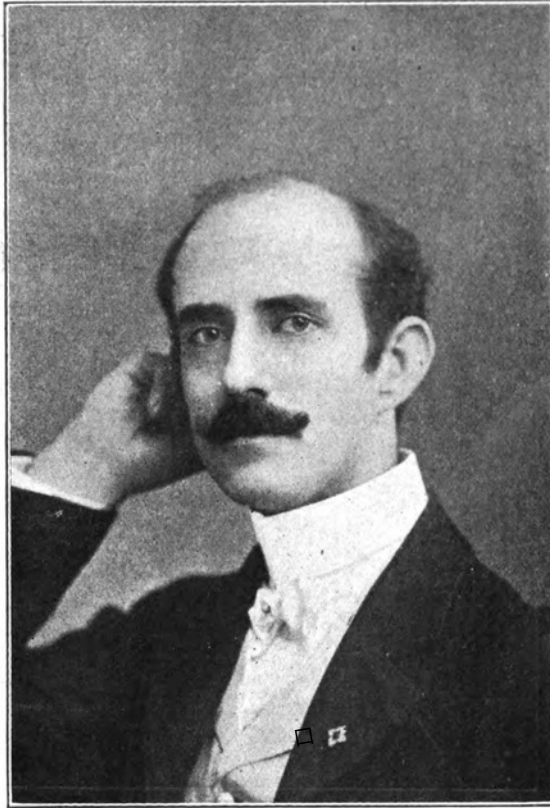
ette, Ark., and his home is the home also of his mother, who is reported in feeble health.

A picture of Columbus is found herein.



MARY A. GRESHAM DONNELL.

Mary A. Gresham was born in Tennessee, June 19th, 1843. She was married to John M. Donnell, October 25th, 1866. After raising a family of five children, she died June 3rd, 1886. Her husband now lives in Wilbur, Oregon. Of their children I give this record: 1. Mary, was born August 9th, 1867, and died in infancy. 2. Sarah, was born October 13th, 1868. On August 21st, 1891, she married Jesse T. Fisher. They now live at Grand Forks, B. C., and are reported to have three children. 3. Myrtle, was born September 19th, 1870, She was married to John R. Chapman, August 11th, 1895. They are living at Roseburg, Oregon, where he is engaged in Dentistry. 4. Thomas Gresham Donnell,



### THOMAS GRESHAM DONNELL

was born April 17th, 1872. He was married to Mabel Talbot on the 17th day of April, 1891. Their address is 2247 S. Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. He is a practicing Dentist, and an Instructor in St. Louis Dental College. 5. Aletha, was born September 3rd, 1874. She was married to J. C. Henderson, February 15th, 1896. They are reported to have two children. 6. Cora, was born February 18th, 1877. On the 15th day of November, 1897, she was married to Charles F. Fisher. They are living at Grand Forks, B. C. A plate of the reviewed accompanies this sketch, and also of her son, Thomas.

The foregoing several families are my own uncles.

and aunts, and there is much that I know, and would like to record of their characteristics and successes, but the limits of this book will admit of only the briefest chronology.

### LAWRENCE GRESHAM.

Mrs. W. H. H. Bogwell, of Richmond, Va., writes me that her great-grand-father was Lawrence Gresham, and that according to current family tradition, that he came to Virginia from England. This may, or may not be correct, but whether he came from England himself or some of his ancestors did, the fact that they were located at Briar Hill in King and Queen county, Virginia, near the other Greshams, and about the same time, points to a relationship very strongly.

The wife of Lawrence Gresham was Mary Tousley, and he had a son, Samuel Gresham. Samuel married Mary Faulkner, and three children, William, Francis and George, were born to her. Later she died and he married Hanah Farmer, and to this union there were born the following: Hannah, John, James, Andrew, Elizabeth, Thomas, Elijah, Samuel, and Phoebe.

Mrs. Bogwell is a daughter of Elijah Gresham, and is now in her seventy-second year. Her father, Elijah, moved from Biar Hill to Chesterfield, Va., and here in 1859, at the age of 78, he died, leaving six children, of whom Mrs. Bogwell was the youngest.

William Gresham, a brother of Elijah, went to Kentucky, and from there to Indiana, where he lived and died. He had a son, Dudley, who had two sons, Robert and Charles, who are said to have commanded Regiments during the Civil War.

### GRESHAMS UNTRACED.

In the course of my correspondence I have received letters from several Greshams, who, as far as they have revealed their ancestry, I am unable to trace as to the relationship that may exist between them and our family. It is my belief, however, that we are all of one common stock of people, and the fact that we can not

trace the connection is simply lack of information.

One of my great uncles, Alexander, I am told, went to Texas, and raised a family there, but I have no data of his family. Some of these untraced Greshams are doubtless his descendants, as their surroundings would indicate, but of this we are not certain.

I will briefly mention a few of these Greshams, and the friends may trace them later. Moses, George and Wiley Gresham, three brothers, located in an early day in Illinois and Indiana. They came from Kentucky, but can not say more as to their progenitors. George had as sons, Archibald, Abner and James Lewis Gresham. One son of James Lewis, E. T. Gresham, now lives in Hillsboro and I have talked with him, but he could give nothing more definite than as above set forth.

Walter Q. is a grand son of Wiley, above named, according to E. T. Gresham, and as he is very prominent, I give his biography very briefly. He was born in Lanesville, Ind., in 1832. In 1861, he entered the Civil War as a private in the 38th Indiana Volunteers, was made Lieutenant Colonel and transferred to the 43rd Volunteers. Was in command at Shiloh, Corinth, and Vicksburg. Promoted to Brigadier General in 1863. He was wounded at Liggett's Hill, near Atlanta, and retired from active service. He was Brevetted Major General for distinguished services in 1865. In 1869 President Grant appointed him to the U. S. District Bench, and President Arthur made him Postmaster General. In 1884 he was Secretary of the Treasury, and under Grover Cleveland he was Secretary of State, having changed his views on the Tariff. Later he was Minister to St. James. ~~He now lives in Chicago.~~ *Buried in Washington D. C.*

Dr. W. A. Gresham, of Queen City, Mo., is a son of J. B. Gresham, and a grand son of Collins Gresham. The brothers of Collins were Anderson, James, Downey, Marshall, Ezekial and John. But no further information seems to be obtainable.

William Pinkney Gresham, of Indianola, Miss., is a son of William Pinkney Gresham, formerly of Oglethorpe, Ga. His grand father was Jefferson Gresham, and he had a brother, Lumpkin Gresham, and a sister,

Martha, also a cousin named Joseph. But I have no data that will enable me to trace them further. A sister of William Pinkney, Mrs. Almeda Kennedy, lives at West Point, Miss. They are interested in the matter of their ancestry but so far have given me no satisfactory data.

R. O. Gresham, a publisher of Temple, Texas, and a brother, G. H., of the same city, I think are related to us, and they have promised me a sketch of their ancestry, but up to going to press it has not come to hand.

There are some others I have heard of, but these are all that I have had any correspondence with, and I give them that they may be looked into by those who receive this book.

#### THE McREYNOLDS FAMILY.

My grand father, Archibald Gresham, married Mary Mitchell McReynolds, a daughter of John and Jane McReynolds, and grand daughter of Joseph and Mary Mitchell McReynolds.

It is not the policy of this volume to describe the families into which our people may have married, but the Greshams have been in the past, and still are so closely allied to the McReynolds family, that the rule will be broken this once, and a brief sketch of this family given here.

John McReynolds married his cousin, Jane McReynolds, and they had a family of ten children. The oldest was my grand mother, Mary Mitchell. She was born in 1800 and died in 1888. A spirited, progressive and motherly woman, who was loved and respected by her numerous family and relatives.

Robert McReynolds was born in 1803. He married Sarah Wear, and located in Illinois. His children were: Calvin, Mary A., Stephen, Jane and Guilford.

Patsy was born in 1805. She married Isaac Wells, and raised a family of seven children, some of their names were: Robert, Margaret and Sobrena. The last named married Richard Amarine. Another married Mr. Sherrill, and Prof. Sherrill of Knoxville is a son. Margaret married a McCallum, and her daughter married



an Alexander, and the celebrated singer, Charles Alexander, is a son, also Lee and Ida Alexander are children of hers.

Elizabeth was born in 1808. She married Meshach Tipton, and they emigrated to Oregon in an early day, when that state was but a wilderness. There they raised a large family, and for a while Tipton was recognized as quite wealthy. A daughter, Nancy J., married Daniel Welker, and had six children, two of whom now live in Western Oregon. Another, Sobrena, married William Bradley and they had eight children, five of whom were living when last heard from. The other children married and located in Eastern Oregon.

Stephen McReynolds was born in 1810. He married Eleanor Tedford and became a practicing attorney. He served some time as Judge of the Probate Court. When the Civil War came on he entered the service of the Confederacy, as Captain of his company, and died while in the service at Perryville, Kentucky. His son also enlisted, and rose to Major of his Regiment and was killed at the battle of Murphysboro, Tennessee. I remember seeing my uncle Stephen and my brother says the first piano he ever saw was in his house at Maryville.

Cynthia McReynolds was born in 1812. In early life she married William Ware, and they raised a family at their home in Morgantown, Tennessee. Some of their children were: John R., Sobrena, Amanda, Maroney, N. B., and Baxter.

Guilford and Alfred McReynolds, twins, were born in 1815. Alfred died young. Guilford married Pernelia Gambol and a numerous family was theirs. His death occurred January 30th, 1894. I remember him well. Brief mention will be made of his children. Ferd M. was born January 12th, 1839. He married Eliza Bill and they had three children. He was robbed and murdered at Rollins Station, Indian Territory. Aaron G. McReynolds was born March 10th, 1841. He was a Captain of Co. D., Tennessee Cavalry, U. S. Army, and was killed in battle October 26th, 1864, at Decatur, Alabama. William McReynolds was born May 30th, 1843. He enlisted in the 98th Ill. Regiment, U. S. Troops, and

was killed in the battle at Chattanooga, September 19th, 1863. Nancy McReynolds was born March 11th, 1845. She first married Mr. Broady, and one son, Charles, is now living in Monroe county, Tennessee. She next married Lamar Wallace. Two children were born to this union. One son, Guilford Wallace, lives at Knoxville. Later, after the death of Mr. Wallace, Nancy married I. A. McCulley and she now lives at Maryville. Sidney McReynolds was born December 16th, 1846. In 1865 she married W. C. Boyd. They raised a large family, and after the death of her husband, she moved to Rockford, where she now lives. Robert and John H., twins, were born in 1848. I remember them both. They both became farmers and stockmen and acquired large landed estates near Louisville, Tennessee. Robert married Fidelia McConnell, and they have nine children. John H. married Laura Potter, and they have a family of five children. One son of John McReynolds is a prominent physician of Knoxville, Tenn. M. M. McReynolds was born in 1851. She married W. C. Anderson in 1871 and they had four boys and three girls. Mr. Anderson died in 1889 and she now lives and superintends the large farm near Rockford that he owned and on which they lived.

Stephen McReynolds was born October 12th, 1853. He married Nannie McConnell, and they, with their four children, live in Maryville. One boy died young and the last to mention was Martha I. who was born December 16th, 1859. She married William Munday and they have two children. He died and Martha now lives in Loudon county, Tennessee.

Mrs. Guilford McReynolds died January 6th, 1884.

Ferd McReynolds was born in 1821. He married Martha Acock, and they raised a family. One of his sons, Zack, lost a leg while in the Rebellion. Ferd was a sadler by trade, and while he was pursuing his trade in Maryville he gave a side saddle to my mother. Later in life he moved to Cartersville, Ga., where he died and was buried.

There is much more that I would like to say of this large and interesting family, but the limits of this volume will not admit it.

## AN INCIDENT.

In this small booklet these is given only the essentials to trace, so far as known, the ancestry of the Greshams, in chronological order. If biography had been the aim, the writer, either from personal knowledge, or from correspondence could give many incidents, adventures, and even tragedies from the lives of many of those mentioned, that would be entertaining and valuable, as showing historical environments, personal character and temperamental qualities. This can not be done without exceeding the scope of this volume. I will, however, break the rule of brevity, once only, and relate an incident in the life of my much revered grand father. During the Civil War, the vicinity of his home in East Tennessee became the rendezvous of maurauders, Ku Klux and cut throats. Desiring to get out of this lawless country, grand father sold his farm, receiving gold therefor, and began making preparations to emigrate. The fact that he had the gold seems to have become known, and in consequence, a band of robbers, partly in search of spoil, and partly because he was a Union sympathizer, came to his home one night, and demanded the gold; and on his persistent refusal, he was taken out to a near cluster of trees, a rope secured around his neck, the end thrown over a limb, and the elevating and choking act began. He soon got enough of that and gave the signal that he would reveal the hiding place of the money. On being released he informed them that the gold was in a girdle around the waist of his wife. The house was again visited and the frightened woman compelled to take off and surrender the girdle with its contents of gold. Fortunately the gold obtained was only a small portion of the land's value. The day following, grand father went to Maryville and had a cane made, with a large solid metal head, to which was attached a long dagger concealed in the top part of the cane. This deadly weapon was his ever present defense during the remainder of his stay in that country during those perilous times. After his death that cane came into the pos-

session of the writer, and it is prized as a souvenir and historical reminder.

#### FINAL WORD.

From the beginning of this record, 1066, to the present, 1913, are probably included about forty generations. I have been able to trace the Gresham family with reasonable certainty through eighteen generations. This brings us to the generation of the writer. As this generation has children and grand children, two more might have been added, but as the record of these is known to the parents, it is not necessary to include them here. Having thus, in the briefest manner possible, compiled a record, not elaborate or ornamental, but useful, of our ancestry, of noble, Godfearing and friend loving people, whose lives reflect the highest and noblest characters as well as political and social standing, the writer submits this unpretentious work. It has been arduous and expensive to gather this information, but love of truth, and affection of our people, have been the impelling motives that led me on. If this chronology proves of value to succeeding generations of Greshams and their descendants, then my reward will be ample.

ALEXANDER TAYLOR STRANGE.

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